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Lifestyle
Traveling Moose on the loose

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Fresh after returning from a visit to meet President Clinton, Romulus High School history teacher Dennis Stoh presents a capsule view of his trip to his class last week. Sharing the podium with him are two students, Stephanie Canada and Steve Abdo. MCN Special Photo

Teacher informs students of his Clinton meeting

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus High School history teacher Dennis Stoh and his wife, Elizabeth, were honored last week by the local school board, following their trip to Washington, D.C. where they met President Clinton and English Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Stoh obtained the invitation to meet the first family after E-mailing a request to the White House recently.

After receiving the personal invitation to the White House, Stoh and his wife, who is a Northwest Airlines employee, arrived in Washington on Feb. 5.

A general tour of the White House was cancelled that day due to Blair's visit, and the 120 visitor count was further trimmed down to only eight persons because the session was moved inside due to the weather.

Luckily the Stohs were included in the small party and were escorted into the China Room of the White House by Social Department Aide Debbie McGinn. They were asked to sign the guest book, check their umbrella and hats and urged not to ask Clinton or Blair for their autographs.

Stoh was impressed that as

they entered the China Room they saw their names taped on the floor where they were to stand. The local teacher noticed his wife's name to his left and Vice President Al Gore's name to his right.

They stood on their designated spots for photo takings, heard the national anthems for both nations and welcoming speeches by Clinton and Blair.

Protocol had the Stohs as the last persons to leave the room.

Stoh said Clinton told him he "highly respected teachers and it was an honor for me to have you here."

After talking about the ceremony and the weather, Clinton introduced Stoh and his wife to Blair. Stoh told Blair that his wife's grandfather once lived in London.

The Stohs were also introduced to the First Lady Hillary Clinton, who Stoh said appeared to have a "powerful personality."

The First Lady asked Stoh to extend a special hello for her with his high school students.

The Stohs then joined the others for a reception following the ceremony. Both will return to Washington later this year for a black tie reception.

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Stung by reported public surveys that claim that Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus is outdated and not consumer friendly, new Airport Director David Katz plans a pro-active effort to rid the airport of its "worst" image.

Katz, speaking from his car phone early Tuesday afternoon, said he does not plan to throw stones at the reported survey that claims airline passengers blast the small restroom facilities at Metro and other non-friendly elements of the swiftly growing transportation hub.

Meanwhile Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara released information that several security enhancements have now been agreed upon by the airport's top airline, Northwest.

What adds to the airport's image problems is that the most recent press reports state that many constant air travelers rate Metro as one of the worst in the nation.

Katz has been in a series of

meetings since a story broke Monday that stated a major private study of airline travel shows that airport users blast the outdated facilities at Metro including: lack of speed in handling passengers' baggage, limited ease in reaching terminal gates, limited availability of ground transportation and non-quality display of travel signs.

Airport travelers have been heard to complain about the small size of key Metro Airport facilities – particularly the restrooms.

Katz and others recently visited Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and examined the new family style restrooms erected there. "Fairlane had a problem similar to what we are going through at Metro Airport," Katz said, "and have made impressive improvements to their restroom facilities."

He hinted similar changes may occur soon at the airport.

McNamara and others point out that a major \$1.6 billion expansion plan to bring the airport into the next century has

Construction project meeting now being planned for March

An informational meeting for parents of Merriman Elementary School students will hopefully be arranged sometime next month with sewer construction representatives, Principal Mary Magill revealed Tuesday.

The meeting will be co-sponsored by the school's administration and the Parents That Care organization, Magill said. Advance information will be passed on to the local media to help spread the word about the planned meeting once it is set up, she said.

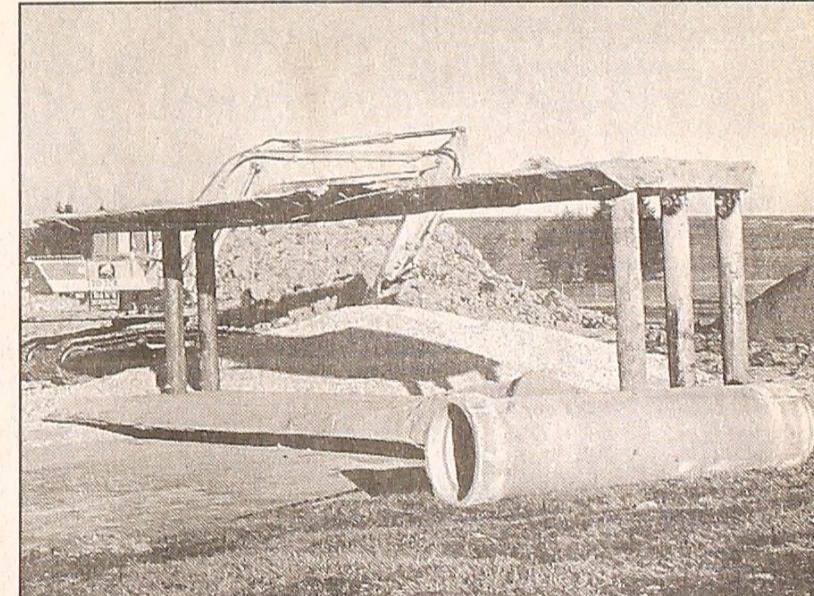
"We will invite representatives from the construction teams to address the parents and neighbors of the school, in an effort to eliminate as much stress as possible from the construction effort," Magill said.

The work effort that is expected to last until spring began earlier this month.

It also was revealed via a letter from Dan's Excavating dated Feb. 3 that residents living in the Colbert Avenue area could face brief interruptions in their "water and/or gas service," but that a company representative would notify them an hour or more before the shut off.

Residents also were alerted to the fact that if they go on vacation during this construction period they should notify Paul DeBusher at Wade-Trim and Associates at 313-291-5400.

The main construction areas are in the area of Colbert and Brandt just off Eureka road in Romulus.



A section of the early construction work out in the Merriman School area is shown here. MCN Special Photo

Carole Bales is honored for efforts at Wick school

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

After 18 years as secretary at Wick Elementary School, Carole Bales found last Friday that her former school site had been named after her for a day as a tribute to the students' and teachers' love for her.

Bales, wife of former school trustee Dan Bales, had tears gushing from her eyes at the peak of the tribute as more than 30 Wick School staff members (all dressed in red – her favorite color) sang "Carole we love you!"

Bales left her job at the school last year to accept a promotion to become secretary to district Human Resources Director Samuel LaMonica in the main administration office on Grant road.

"It was really a hard decision to leave Wick School," Bales said last week. "I loved everything about that job: the

people, the students and the community."

As she entered the school building last week she found a red carpet waiting for her and the school renamed for the day in her honor "Carole Bales Elementary School."

Posters, pictures and murals throughout the school building proclaimed the love adults and students have "for this very special lady" as she was called that day.

Each grade presented to her an assembly type tribute showing her personality, her great way with others and her helping nature.

Shirley Soltesz, a veteran Wick School teacher, summed up the school staff's feelings by saying "Carole Bales is Wick School. She epitomizes everything that is good about this building. She has helped so many families and staff members that it is a privilege for me to know her. She already is

greatly missed."

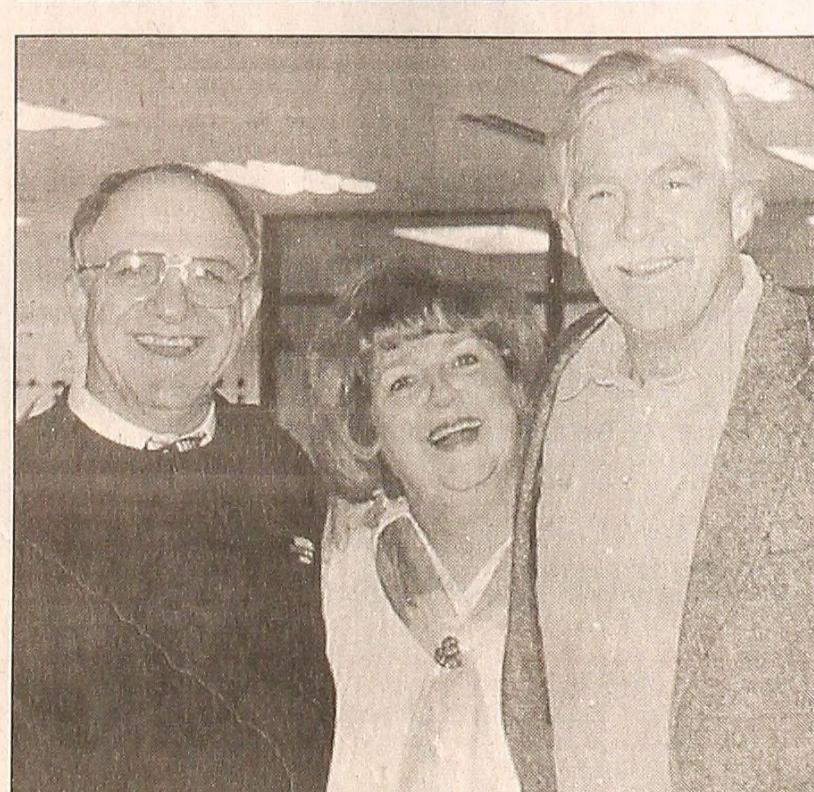
At the special breakfast, many people shared their warm feelings and wonderful stories about the woman everyone called "The Queen."

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An exuberant Carole Bales, former Wick Elementary School secretary, is flanked by her new and old bosses last Friday as students and teachers alike paid her massive and emotional tributes for her labors at the school district, particularly the 18 years she worked at the school. At the left is Sam LaMonica, Human Resources director for the district, and her ex-boss Earl Cornett, former Wick School principal and currently head of the district's adult education program.

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Christians seek to kill lethargy

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Lethargy by Christians and other anti-casino backers during the last casino referendum battle throughout Michigan led to the paper-thin win by pro-casino forces, Allen Rice, executive director of the Michigan Interfaith Council on Al-

cohol Programs, declared recently.

Rice, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, said efforts to collect 247,000 anti-casino backers signatures will seek to override that 51.49 percent loss two years ago.

Those signatures need to be collected by May, Rice said,

and then anti-casino forces will seek to educate Michigan voters on the evils of casino spending prior to the November general election.

The anti-casino meeting held earlier this month also heard Bess Hadrill of Dearborn Heights, who serves as leader of the statewide Church Women United.

Hadrlill said attendance at casinos disrupt family life, increases abuse against women and usually creates school problems for young children.

The school problems develop from lack of parental involvement, Hadrlill said, since parents many times spend long hours at the casinos.

She predicted that unless efforts to open Detroit casinos is defeated in November, compulsive gamblers could defeat efforts by Gov. John Engler and President Clinton to upgrade America's educational rates.

Another speaker, Peter Fletcher, head of a major credit bureau, revealed he learned recently from a major bank official that addictive gamblers have been found to write checks on other persons' bank accounts to cover their casino losses.

Fletcher said he fears that practice will increase if local casino efforts open in a year or two.

John Mecartney of Detroit, who chaired the confab at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, said few gamblers who travel to Windsor on a regular basis, will later gamble in Detroit.

"Casino winners in Canada usually do not report those amounts to the IRS and thus will be reluctant to switch to Detroit, where such winnings will have to be accounted for," Mecartney said.

He also said many out-of-city residents feel it will be safer to gamble in Windsor than Detroit, because of their perceptions on crime activity there.

It is ironic that many of the concerns listed in recent months by Metro area residents are similar to those raised over two years ago by then U.S. Senator Paul Simon (D-III), who decried the fact that gambling was quickly becoming the fastest growing industry in the U.S.

Simon quoted a high official in Nevada, who he said claimed "If we could get rid of gambling in our state it would be the best thing that could happen to us.

"Major corporations that might locate their main offices here or build their plants here don't do it. They know that gambling brings with it serious personnel problems," Simon added.

"What should not be ignored," Simon concluded, "is the fact we have a problem on our hands (with the growing gambling menace). We need to find sensible and sensitive answers."

Mecartney said that the anti-casino effort to collect 247,000 voter signatures statewide will soon begin releasing on a regular basis the number of signatures they have collected to date.

The signatures need to be turned into state officials in May.

The Temple Baptist Church of Plymouth also has reported that two main religious concerts are planned in March and April.

Vocalist Michael Card is slated to entertain at 7:30 p.m. March 20 with reserved tickets costing \$14.50 and \$12.50.

The following month, the "4 Him" Christian quartet will sing at 7:30 p.m. April 24. Tickets will cost \$15.50 and \$13.50.

To order tickets call 1-800-818-5838.

A series of fish fry dinners will be offered to the public every Friday evening during Lent at St. Aloysius School in Romulus.

The dinners beginning at 4:30 will continue until 7 p.m. (or until sold out) and will include fish, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and a dessert.

Cost will be \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens and \$3 for children under 10.

The dinners will begin Feb. 27 and continue until April 3.

The school is located next to St. Aloysius Church on Neville, adjacent to Goddard road in downtown Romulus.

For further information call 941-3340.

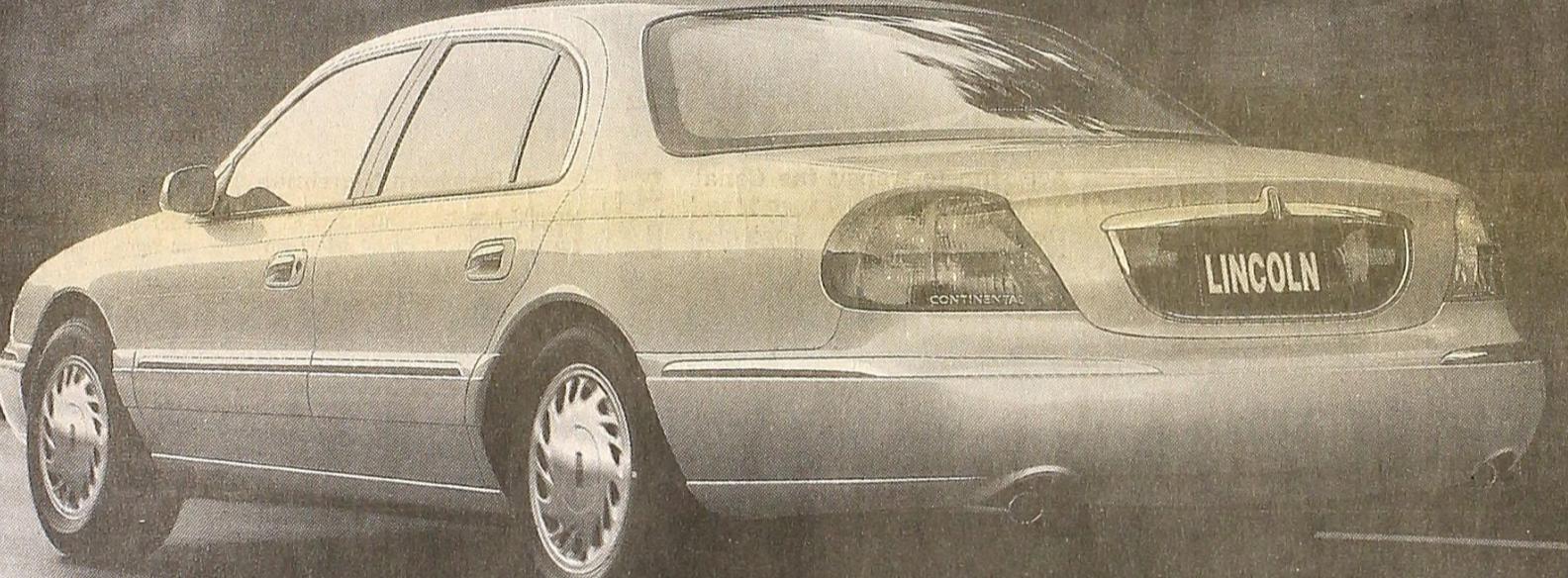
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Western Wayne Moose migrate to Caribbean

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Special Writer

Where do Moose migrate in the winter?

While the hooved variety of Moose remain in the northern woods, some members of the organization that bears their name migrate to warmer climates.

Some 1,000 members of the Loyal Order of the Moose, including four couples from Belleville and one couple from Westland, vacationed aboard the Tropicale on an 11-day cruise to the Panama Canal and five Caribbean islands.

Aboard were Don Truran, Ernie Knust, Kris Matthews and Jim Zinner, all of Belleville Moose Lodge 934, and Jim Wellday of Westland.

After a direct flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico, the group boarded the Tropicale and departed at 10 p.m. Monday for St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. A stop at St. Barts, followed by a visit to St. Lucia, a day at sea and a stop at Aruba preceded the trip through the locks at the Panama Canal. On the return trip we spent two days at sea, separated by a visit to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and then disembarked at San Juan to reluctantly head back to Michigan.

"Our favorite ports were Aruba and St. Lucia," said Wellday. The four Belleville Moose members agreed.

"We really enjoyed the temperatures in the 80s and 90s," said Knust.

"The highlight of the trip was the Panama Canal. It was one of the places we have wanted to see, and we wanted to visit the Canal before its return to Panama in 1999," said Zinner.

Don and Virginia Truran enjoyed their visit to Dunn's River Falls, but wished someone had advised them wear to their swim suits under their traveling clothes.

"We got soaked," they said.

Matthews, on his first cruise, was pleased with the itinerary and the many events scheduled on the ship.

The ship is a "small town" with several bars and lounges, casino, a huge dining room, two pools, several shops, beauty salon, exercise room, library and infirmary. Cabins have in-wall safes for valuables and one-day photo service for film developing -- just like back home.

To illustrate what a small world it is, Diane West Wellday's mother met people on a tour bus who were neighbors of hers in England. In addition, Diane noted that she formerly lived in Romulus where her neighbor had a karaoke show. The neighbor, we learned, was Billy Manning, a fellow Moose member who performs on Fridays at the Belleville lodge.

First stop is St. Thomas, the second largest of the U.S.



Steffi (top right), our guide on St. Lucia, takes us to Marigot Bay. A group of Panamanian dancers (bottom) entertained aboard ship during our Panama Canal voyage. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Virgin Islands and one of the busiest tourist locations in the Caribbean. Two of its beaches, Magen's Bay and Coki Beach, are two of the best in the Caribbean.

St. Thomas with its duty free shopping was a hit with passengers who visited its many stores. Gold, diamonds, liquor and linens were among the bargains offered on the U.S. island, and visitors returned to the ship from a day of shopping with many bags and boxes of treasures.

Second port is St. Barts, where French is the official language and the franc is the official currency. Its coastline has 22 beaches, all open to the public.

Missing from St. Barts is the friendliness that one finds on the other islands. Martinique, another French island, also lacks the smiling faces and pleasant greetings that one finds on the other islands. Is this something they learned from the French? Whatever the reason, the beauty of the island is not reflected in the demeanor of its inhabitants.

A welcome change of attitude is experienced at the next stop, St. Lucia, the second largest of the former West Indies Associated States in the Windward island chain of the East

ern Caribbean. The majority of its 238 square miles is covered with dense tropical flora, such as hibiscus, fragipani, orchids, jasmine and poinciana.

A tour of the island, La Belle Marigot, brings tourists through Castries (the capital), through the residential areas and to the site where fine batik is created. A tour through an old Colonial-style house, where the builder's descendants still reside, provides a delightful insight in life in the early Colonial days on the island. The tour also visits Marigot Bay, a tranquil blue lagoon, surrounded by lush green hills.

After a day at sea, the ship arrives in Aruba, a paradise of white beaches and clear azure water. The port city of Aruba is Oranjestad and the official languages are Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamento (a local language).

While touring the beautiful island, the guide taught us a few words of Papiamento: ayo (goodbye), bon dia (good morning), bunita (beautiful), dushi (sweet) and sunchi (kiss).

One of the most popular tourist attractions is the 100-foot bridge which eroded from the coral rock by the continuous action of the waves. The Town and Countryside Tour

takes visitors to the natural bridge, Frenchmen's Pass where gold was discovered in 1824, the Wilheminastraat lined with Dutch colonial buildings and St. Ann's Church, which has an oak altar made in Holland. The island has an abundance of divi divi trees, which grow all points in the same direction. The guide tells us that if visitors get lost they can find their way back to the cruise ship by following the direction that the divi divi trees point.

Panama Canal, which was built at the narrowest point between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, was a great engineering feat -- the digging through the Continental Divide, construction of the largest earth dam and building of the most massive canal locks and largest gates (up to that time) and solving enormous environmental problems. Begun in 1903, the canal first opened in 1914. The monumental project was completed in 10 years at a cost of \$387 million. Since 1903, the U.S. has invested approximately \$3 billion in the Canal enterprise, two-thirds of which has been recovered. On Dec. 31, 1999, as required by a new treaty, the U.S. will transfer the Canal to Panama.

Those who have gone through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie will find that the experience of traveling through the Panama Canal is similar, but on a larger scale. The ship arrives in the morning at Panama and awaits its turn to enter the locks. It requires about nine hours for the average ship to transit the Canal. However, our ship entered through the Gatun Locks on the Atlantic side of the Canal, cruised on scenic Gatun Lake and then returned through the same locks. Ship may continue into the Pedro Miguel Locks and Miraflores Locks to enter the Pacific Ocean.

When one views the dense jungle growth on both sides of the Canal, it provides an insight into the difficulty that the builders had in constructing the Canal.

Passengers were not permitted to leave the ship, but a troupe of Panamanian dancers boarded to entertain with native dances. Souvenirs of Panama also were brought aboard for purchase.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica, is the final stop before returning to Puerto Rico.

No matter which tour visitors choose, it is almost certain to include a visit to the 600-foot Dunn's River Falls, where tourists are led up the waterfall by a nimble-footed guide. Other tours include river rafting, visiting Montego Bay, strolling through the lush, tropical gardens at Coyaba River Gardens and a visit to Discovery Bay where it is claimed that Columbus landed in 1494.

Jamaica is also known for

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March 9 - Monday	9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	and	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
March 10 - Tuesday	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	and	5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
March 11 - Wednesday	9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	and	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
March 12 - Thursday	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	and	5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
March 13 - Friday	9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	and	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - CALL 467-3160 TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT
Board of Review meetings will be held at Westland City Hall - Second Floor
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WRITTEN APPEALS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY 2:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1998

Publish: February 19, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at 11:30 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS AND RELATED MATERIALS

Specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For further information relating to the specifications, please contact Richard Dittmar at the Department of Public Service Department at (313) 728-1770. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jill B. Runkle
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

Publish: February 19, 1998
Bid Item: 463-030398

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on before Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. for the following:

CARPETING FOR WESTLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICE AREA

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. A mandatory walk-thru is scheduled for February 24, 1998, at 11:00 in the morning.

Jill B. Runkle
Purchasing Agent

Publish: February 19, 1998
Bid Item No: 592977-30398

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 24, 1997, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
88	DODGE	4 DR. DYNASTY	BURGY	1B3BU4632JD15769
87	FORD	2 DR. MUSTANG	BURGY	1FABP41A1HE190473
84	LINCOLN	TOWNCAR 4 DR.	BLUE	1LNB9P67EY754411

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

85	PONTIAC	ST. WAGON 6000	BROWN	2G2AF35X1F1202437
83	BUICK	2 DR. ELECTRA	BLUE	1G04AX37Y2DH439958
80	AMC	2 DR. EAGLE	BLACK	A0C365C232030
84	CHEV.	2 DR. CELEBRITY	GRAY	2G1AW27X4E1132815
81	CHEV.	PU	BLACK	1GCEC14HSB134964
87	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX 2 DR.	BURGUNDY	2G2GJ126H200796
89	PONTIAC	LEMANAS 2 DR.	LT BLUE	KL2TR5169JB357673
86	MERCURY	4 DR	BLACK	2MEBP95F2GX653333
91	HONDA	NIGHTHAWK CYCLE	RED	JH2RC3804MM091081
79	GMC	VAN	TAN	TGL2694519369

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after December 20, 1997, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

83 ASSEMBLED TRAILER

SERIAL #B1561

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Demos to hear Hamilton

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

"High-Tech Democratic candidate for Michigan Gov. Ed Hamilton will speak before the Westland Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House at 37025 Marquette.

Hamilton is currently an executive committee member of the Oakland Democratic Party and claims to be the only conservative in this race for the Democratic governor's nomination this summer.

Hamilton vowed he wants to be Michigan's "first low cost, high quality, strong but compassionate governor."

He also states "since 75 percent of our state population have only a high school education or less, as governor I will upgrade K-12 by ending the education monopoly on Michigan public education and by revolutionizing our public library system and ensure equal access to the informational super highway."



Edward T. Hamilton

He joined the Democratic party as a volunteer for John F. Kennedy back in the late 1950's and currently believes in a tax limitation and "will oppose any tampering with the current term limits law."

He also is against any future gas tax hike.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University and has worked for the Chrysler Corp. for the past two decades. He also has been a member of the Cornell University faculty, NAACP, Boy Scouts of America and the League of Women Voters.

For directions on how to reach the Demo meeting call 729-6248 or 595-6417.

Romulus students will jump rope for heart unit

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The students of Barth, Cory, Halecreek and Merriman Elementary Schools are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease.

Each school will be holding a "Jump Rope for Heart" event beginning on March 12 at Barth and Merriman schools, on March 13 at Cory and March 18 at Halecreek.

It was revealed that the students will win prizes and raise money to benefit the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease.

The jump rope exercise teaches participants about the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy lifestyle, while promoting teamwork and building school spirit.

The event also stresses the need for proper nutrition, exercise and not smoking.

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Parents and neighbors are asked to support the children as they jump rope for the heart.

Contact the following teachers if you would like to make a donation, volunteer to help or if you have any further questions on the event.

The teachers include: Sheila Stasak, Barth School, 941-2821; Gayle Millspaugh, Cory School, 721-4757; Bill Baum, Halecreek, 941-0536 and Patricia McCollum, Merriman School, 941-6900.

GVSU Dean's List reported

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

For more than a decade, Grand Valley has been the state's fastest growing university. That growth has been paralleled by increases in the quality of our students and of their academic accomplishments.

Students honored for the fall 1997 semester:

Canton students Brandi N. Bernard, Stephanie E. Layng, Christina M. Mokienko, Alexis S. Moore, and Laura E. Weir.

Romulus student Colleen M. Foley.

Wayne student Kelly A. Nelson

CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE CITY OF INKSTER will receive bids at the Office of the City Clerk, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48184 until 11:00 A.M. March 2, 1998 at which time and place bids will be opened and read for the following:

WEED CUTTING

Specifications may be picked up after 3:00 P.M. on February 19, 1998 from the Purchasing Department 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Should you have any questions regarding specifications please contact Jerome Bivins, Superintendent, Department of Public Service, at (313) 563-9773 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday February 26, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. at the Inkster Recreation Complex 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster, Michigan. All bidders are required to attend this meeting. There will be two contracts awarded. Contract "A" for vacant lots billed per square yard basis. Contract "B" for vacant houses billed per square yard basis.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES OR ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF INKSTER.

Delphine G. Oden
City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

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CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE City Council met at 7:41 p.m. on Monday, February 2nd in the Council Chambers; and at 6:52 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11th in the Games Room. Present on February 2nd: Councilpersons Harris, Foster, Hendricks, Clemens, Hampton, Collier, James and Mayor Bivins. ABSENT: None. Present on February 11th: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, Hampton, Collier, James and Mayor Bivins. ABSENT: Councilmen Hendricks and Clemens.

FEBRUARY 2ND: PUBLIC Hearing held on submission of full application for potential infrastructure funding for the Brittany Place and Salem Park Subdivision Single Family Housing Projects. STATE of the City Address given by Mayor Bivins. CONSENT Calendar items approved: Minutes of 1/20/98. APPOINTED Tony McKinnie (Democrat); Eugene Brazeal, Jr. (Republican) to the Board of Canvassers; and Marcus Hendricks to the Cable Television Commission. APPROVED the following payment: \$6,007.51 to Wade-Trim; \$17,106.50 to MDOT; \$44,698.89 to SBG; and \$6,917.68 to Willis Corroon. AUTHORIZED purchase of a slide-in dog box for \$3,800. AMENDED Resolution 97-11-686 to purchase computer for \$4,912. ACCEPTED donation from Jack Demmer for the use of a 1997 Ford Thunderbird for two (2) years for the D.A.R.E. Program. APPROVED Change Order No. 1 Revised for the Water Master Plan Improvements Project. APPROVED extensions for Angelo and Marie Gillespie to build a home and Robert Johnson to bring 3757 Ash up to code. APPROVED the refund of the following Good Faith Deposits: \$1,250 to Robert Pettway for 3729 Fox and 3601 Moore; \$150 to Irvid Maitland for 4102 Isabelle; and \$608 to Metro Home Buyers, LLC for 3012 John Daly. ADOPTED resolution supporting Mayor Thomas' efforts to recognize Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday as a legal holiday in the City of Westland. AUTHORIZED 90-day moratorium on approving cellular towers.

FEBRUARY 11TH: Awarded General Liability/Automobile Insurance to PENCO/D.J. McCluskey for \$159,772 from 2-14-98 through 7-1-98. MEETINGS adjourned at 9:46 p.m. and 6:58 p.m., respectively. (Full text available upon request)

Delphine G. Oden, CMC
Inkster City Clerk

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Police Beat

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Writer

Postal Box Vandalized

The U.S. Postal Service has reported that the collection box at the Wayne Post Office was broken into between 6:30 and 10 pm on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Mail was stolen from the collection box during the break-in. This type of crime effects the ability of the Postal Service to deliver the mail.

A cash reward is offered by the Postal Inspection Service for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this.

Any person with information should contact the Postal Inspection Service at (313) 226-8184, 24 hours a day.

All information will be kept confidential.

Van Buren Reports

On Feb. 6, a fight broke out at Parkwood Manor. Police were called to mediate and a report was made.

A traffic stop was made on Belleville Road on Feb. 6 at 6:02pm. The vehicle was found to have open intoxicants. The driver was given a traffic citation.

A report was made of an armed robbery at Lakewood on Feb. 6 at 6:32pm.

Someone on the S. Service Dr. was playing their music a little too loud for the neighborhood on Feb. 6 in the late evening hours of Feb. 6. Police went to the location and advised them to turn down the tunes.

A domestic dispute sent Van Buren Police to a location on Arthur on Feb. 6 at 8:30pm. Police took a report.

A car fire was called into the Fire Department #2 at 11:35 pm on Feb. 6. The department rushed to the scene and distinguished the flames.

A verbal domestic dispute sent officers to the Diamondback on Feb. 7 in the extreme early morning hours. A report was made and everyone was calmed down.

A missing person report was taken from the 60 block of Rose Blvd. on Feb. 7.

Farmer Jack's reported retail fraud on Feb. 7 at 9:24am. Police responded and made an arrest.

Police were summoned to the 7700 block of Kirkridge. Report was taken of threats being made. All was cleared when officers left.

A traffic accident at Ecorse

and Belleville Roads sent one person to St. Joe's Hospital.

Van Buren Police were called to Belleville Rd. and Van Born to assist Westland Police in making an arrest.

Meijers reported retail fraud on Feb. 7 at 2:00pm. Police were called and they made an arrest.

Shell Gas Station said someone drove off without paying for their gas on Feb. 7.

A call came from the Bellepointe Sub on Feb. 7 at 5:38pm. The caller stated that a man dressed in a clown outfit was scaring people.

Turned out that the clown was doing a birthday party in the neighborhood.

Van Buren officers went to the Metro Airport to pick up a fugitive and make an arrest on Feb. 7.

A child custody case sent officers to a location on Roger Ave. The children were transferred without any problems.

A domestic violence case was called from a home at Capitol Hills. A juvenile was arrested and taken to the Wayne County Youth Home in Detroit.

A family in Parkwood reported verbal domestic problems. Police went to the location to help settle the problem. The man of the house decided to leave for the night.

Kids were playing games on residents at Van Buren Estates. They were turning the power off to the residents from the outside. Police were called and the kids were turned over to their parents.

A physical domestic problem sent officers to a location on Parkwood on Feb. 8 at 12:35am. One of the persons resisted police and was arrested and lodged at the jail.

A cab driver called police to a location on Belleville Rd. The recipient of the cab ride decided not to pay for the services. It was paid for when police arrived.

A medical emergency was called into the fire dept. on Feb. 8 from a location on Lenmore. When they arrived, they found a young child to be having seizures and a 105 temperature.

The parents refused ambulance service.

A harassment complaint was made from a location in the 48000 block of Denton Rd.

Someone reported their wallet being stolen from Dunham's.

A medical emergency was called to the fire dept. on Feb. 8 at 6:49pm from a location at Green Meadows. A 2 year old

was having seizures and was transported to St. Joe's.

Someone from Harbour Club called and said their was a disorderly man in the parking lot area. Turned out to be an intoxicated man who lived in the area. Police transported him to his address.

Romulus Reports Armed Robbery

On Feb. 6, at about 8:15pm, a man stated that he was robbed in the parking lot of the NBD Bank located on Middlebelt Rd.

The victim was approached by a black male, about 30 years old, 6' with a medium build with crooked yellow teeth and a black Adidas 3/4 length coat.

He fought with this man when a second man appeared and struck him in the face with a handgun.

The second suspect was described as a black male, 30's, 6'2" with a thinner build and a red headband. It all started when the victim was making a withdrawal at the ATM machine.

The suspects made away with \$140 that was withdrawn. The victim did not want to make a report, but when his wife took him to the hospital, he was forced to make the statement.

On Feb. 7 at 2:00am, police were summoned by an alarm at Sunlight Market on Eureka Rd.

Phone lines were cut which triggered the alarm.

On Feb. 7, hubcaps were stolen from a 1994 Buick parked at the Royce Hotel on Wick Rd.

Sometime between the hours of 6 and 8:30 pm, the left front window of a Ford Expedition was broken. No sign of entry was seen. The call was reported from the 9400

block of Terry.

On Feb. 7, police received a call from a home on Huron River Dr. at Walnut which reported a rear hatch window being broken from a vehicle.

On Feb. 8, the Clark Gas Station on Ecorse Rd. called and reported the front window was broken by an unknown object. 20 - one gallon bottles of windshield solvent were stolen from an outside display from the location. Nothing was missing from inside.

Vicious drivers caused a traffic fight on Van Born and Inkster Roads on Feb. 8. Several men were involved in the fight.

One of the persons was struck in the head by a foreign object. One person was arrested and an investigation continues into the cause of the handgun.

Police observed a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed on Eureka at Brandt. They tried to stop the vehicle and the driver fled recklessly. A chase continued.

It was discovered that the car was stolen from Ypsilanti. During the chase a gun was thrown from the window. After losing them during the chase, police located the car in Ypsilanti and the persons were arrested.

On Feb. 9, a call came in from the 30000 block of Pennsylvania Rd. The drivers side door and side window had been broken and all the tires were flattened on a 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix between 2:10-6:50am.

CSX Transport reported that a tool box and Dewalt Drill was stolen from a pick up truck. The cap door was pried open and damaged. The truck was parked in the south parking lot of CSX located on Middlebelt Rd.

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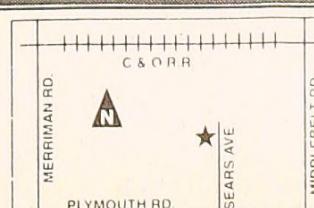
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Westland may pay after feeble attempt to ruin Skene

Chuck Skene is a happy guy, today!

He stood up to the Westland political machine, and won. Not many of our civil servants have had the guts to stand tall. No one has challenged the machine in a court of law and won. No one, that is until the former Parks and Recreation director stood trial last week and was found NOT Guilty.

Skene's problems began when he failed to enthusiastically support Mayor Robert Thomas and his political cronies. Skene did not become part of the clique that runs Westland. In turn, he did not contribute his share of dollars to the various political fund raisers the Clique deemed appropriate. He was the odd man in a very tight political machine. Mayor Thomas wanted him out. He was destined to be scrapped unceremoniously.

In April of 1997, Skene was fired. Mayor Thomas and the Clique came up with a bevy of charges to trash Skene's reputation—four counts of embezzling nearly \$10,000. Enough, if found guilty to put Skene behind bars for 10 years. One of the charges really ripped at his reputation. The City claimed Skene on two occasions took money from a fund set up for disabled children. They also claimed Skene was a compulsive gambler and stole the money to pay gambling debts.

Skene left City Hall ashamed and hurt. In his heart he felt he had done nothing wrong, yet publicly he was standing trial for stealing money. He found solace from many friends and a job selling advertising from Ed Wendover, publisher of the Community Crier.

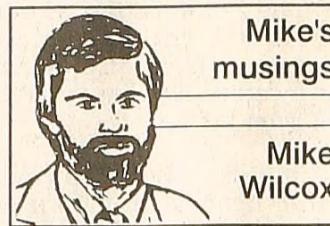
The Wheels of Justice turned slowly over

the next several months. Skene refused offers to settle the case out of court. He knew he had done nothing wrong. Finally, he had his week in court.

The Prosecution called his former secretary, Nora Herbert to testify for them. Instead of telling the jury that Skene took the money, Herbert explained that any number of city employees were near the money, and could have taken it. She theorized that the police investigators didn't do a lot of research and possibly targeted Skene, because they knew Mayor Thomas wanted him fired.

Her testimony as well as that of former Finance Director Michael Gorman, who admitted that the City could produce no evidence that funds were missing, pretty much made it easy for the jury to proclaim Skene not guilty. In an unusual show of support, the jurors stood up and shook Skene's hand one-by-one after the verdict much like the pit crews shook the hand of Dale Earnhardt after he won the Daytona 500 last Sunday.

Now the question in some circles is how much money will Skene win when he sues Westland for wrongful discharge? Does the new city name Skeneland have a good "ring" to it? You can bet that smile on Chuck Skene's face is going to last a long time. He got the best of the Westland political machine, and is in the driver's seat to claim a whole lot more.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

Put the Bray's donkey on city hall

Two issues. One important. One not.

The unimportant issue, of course, is Wayne-Westland's bond. By the time you read this, voters will have decided whether or not pupils will be guinea pigs for unproven computer teaching and babysat in expensively remodeled buildings.

'Twas a choice not worth making because the \$108-million bond proposal was the wrong priority at the wrong time. Instead of an educational option, the bond should've been seen as a symptom of the district's delusions of grandeur.

Board members and administrators thought that by spiffing up the buildings they let run down, and that by putting pupils online, they could divert parents' attention from the district's poor test scores.

Perhaps the remodeled buildings could bamboozle the public for a few years, but they will no more help Wayne-Westland students pass the high school proficiency test than the Lion's new stadium will help them win the Super Bowl.

Though some parents may be fooled, the schools' Day of Reckoning will arrive and the failures will have to be faced. But not today.

Instead, I'd rather deal with an important issue: the demolition of Bray's, a landmark restaurant on Ford Road in Westland.

Bray's is best known for its donkey ornament. It's also known for its fried Belly-buster burgers. I'll concern myself with the fiberglass jackass.

Problem is, Westland's planning commission has ordered the donkey inside where it



Ivan Helfman

will be less visible. They can do this because Bray's is expanding. A bull market on Belly-busters has caused the business to outgrow the small restaurant, which consists of a grill and a few countertops.

To expand, the owner had to apply for a new site plan.

Westland's planners refused to approve any designs that featured the donkey outside. Why? Are city planners blind to tradition? Are they afraid that the donkey is too popular to be left outside?

It never ceases to amaze me how eager city planners are to either destroy a tradition or trash popular taste.

At best, the donkey is the nicest outdoor ornament in Western Wayne County. (The Summit's nude statue being the runner-up.) At worse, it's no tackier than Bob Thomas' name on the marquee at Westland's city hall.

Perhaps the solution is to put the donkey inside city hall and a statue of Mayor Thomas on Bray's. Better yet put statues of all city planners opposed to the donkey on area burger joints. Then residents could see that not all jackasses are the same. The best of the breed, the Bray's donkey deserves to remain outside. It's not Westland without him.

Journalism loses its way in Zippergate

by Kurt Kuban

As I sat in front of my television watching the horde of reporters and photographers badger and harass star-of-the-hour Monica Lewinsky as she desperately tried to leave her fathers home to go out and get a bite to eat, I realized how the field of journalism has drastically changed over the last couple decades.

It has become apparent that today's national media is painfully out of touch with average America. And it is for this reason that a good, local press is so important for a community.

The role of a free press has its origins in the infancy of our nation. National icons such as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison believed it so essential to have a press free of governmental constraints, they included such a proclamation in the First Amendment, alongside the right to free speech and religion. The premise is that with a functioning press, the American citizenry would have an outlet to look to, to learn about the issues and events that shape and affect their lives.

During the 1960s and 70s, the press may have played its greatest role in informing everyday, normal Americans that our government's policies were not in sync with what the majority wanted. First the Vietnam war was shown to be a quagmire with

no clear objectives and was essentially a killing field for our young sons and daughters. And then, Tricky Dick and his behind-closed-doors operations were discovered, and the term Watergate became synonymous with governmental corruption and American distrust in their political machine (a symptom that still hangs over our heads today).

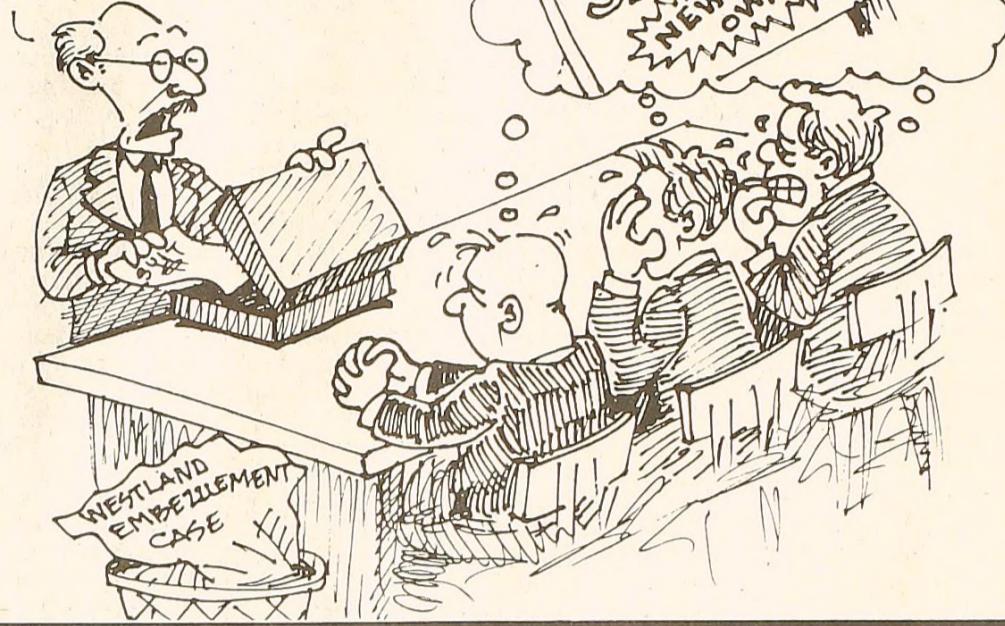
Undoubtedly, the national press did a commendable job during that period. We were glued to our nightly news and daily newspapers watching and learning, often in disgust, the events unfold.

Yet, today, the motivating factors which drive our press have fundamentally changed. The press corps which staked-out Lewinsky's father's home more resembled a pack of ravenous wolves than a responsible press. These people were so hungry for a story, they tried to get Lewinsky to say something, anything, that could spiral into "news." One reporter even rear-ended Lewinsky's vehicle (which may give some credence to the theory that it was a group of "paparazzi" that ran Princess Di into a premature death).

What is scary is that this new breed of journalism is motivated by the sole factor of profit. It is no secret that the corporations

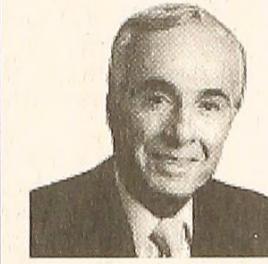
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Dear Mr. Ross: As social workers, we're told not to get personally involved in any of our cases. I say, every once in a while you need to make an exception. I'm working with a 55 year old grandmother who is raising her bi-racial grandchildren. The fathers of the children are unknown—no paternity was ever established. The mother of the children is in jail doing a sentence of 5 years. She may be eligible for parole next year, but if I had my way she'd serve another 50 years. Prior to these 3 children living with their grandmother, the abuse and neglect they suffered would give you nightmares. The grandmother has been awarded custody, so at least the children are safe now and attend weekly counseling. Christmas has come and gone and the kids got a few things, but what they really wanted were bicycles. The oldest is 9 and the twins are 7. If I could afford \$375 for bikes I would, but I just can't short my own family. As I recall though, you have a special place in your heart for kids who have never owned a bike. What do you say? You could be a real hero in the lives of 3 children who have known almost exclusively despair and poverty.

Mr. T. L. ... *Midweek Plus*, Fargo, ND

Dear Mr. L.: My hero days are long over, but yours have just begun. I'll start you off with a special bike fund of \$375 and pledge each Christmas to award you with up to \$500. There's a saying, "A man never stood so tall except when he stooped down to help a child." When you witness the joy in a child's eyes when you present him or her with a new bike, it's a feeling you'll never forget. Please carry on the tradition for me.

Dear Percy: I'm sitting here looking out the window and I'm thinking, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Why? Because there's nothing I can do to prevent it anyway. Snow removal has become a real issue in my life ever since my snow blower went to snow blower heaven. In my 63 years, I've suffered 2 heart

attacks, both while shoveling snow. Six years ago I got a snow blower and haven't had to look at the inside of a hospital ever since. I've tried to hire the neighbor kids to do my shoveling, but they're unpredictable and not very motivated to earn a few bucks. So here I sit until spring or the first major thaw. A sturdy, dependable snow blower will run me about \$560. It's hard to ask, but my independence is on the line. I can't offer to repay you, but then I notice most people don't. Could this be my lucky day?

Mr. G. M. ... *Daily Mining Gazette*, Houghton, MI

Dear Mr. M.: You live in Michigan and you're hoping this is your lucky day to receive a snow blower? Good Lord, man, it's your constitutional right to own one if you're a resident of Northern Michigan! *Federal Express*, priority handling, is how you're receiving \$560, without a moment to spare. In more ways than one, I'm sure you'll find this to be a lifesaver.



Dear Percy Ross: I'm 12. We were given a class project to write about a famous person. I picked you because you seem kind of famous. You helped my neighbor last year and ever since I have been reading your column. I need to know how much money you give away each year. I don't mean to get real personal or anything, but it would probably help my grade if I had information like that to include in my paper.

J. C. ... *Albion Advertiser*, Medina, NY

Dear J. C.: If you want to get a passing grade, you should select a real celebrity to write about. You see, nobody knows how much I give away, not even my wife. As you go through life, you'll learn that some things don't need to be measured.

Editor's note: Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at www.thanksamillion.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Economy like the man the lifeboats!

To the editor:

The US economy is starting to resemble the ship "Titanic."

Recently some Wall Street "gurus" have actually compared our domestic economy to a great "super-tanker"—unstoppable and unsinkable.

Asia is the iceberg-darkly looming.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is the captain of our ship. And Bill Clinton is our master of ceremonies and social director.

Of late, Clinton has been doing

his hilarious Calvin Coolidge imitations—government by publicity stunts and photo opportunities. Of course, no one but the truly uninformed takes this seriously.

Meanwhile, Captain Greenspan and first officer Robert Rubin are assessing the "situation". At this point there is no amount of money they would not spend to contain the damage. Asia will be "flooded" with US Dollars.

The ship's designer and architect, the Englishman, John Maynard Keynes sees the damage and says dejectedly: "In the long run we're all dead. I should have never

left bloody Bloomsbury."

The passengers, of course, continue to party. But the more perceptive passengers notice that the ship has a different "feel" to it. Sort of like the Dow Jones Industrials since last August.

Of course, panic must be avoided at all cost. But can the ship be saved? Maybe. But be forewarned: Stay close to the life boats because March and April are dangerous months in the North Atlantic and in the financial markets.

Walter Warren
Westland

Local Michigan Community Newspapers

HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION Items for the Michigan Community Newspapers Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar," Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. Each brief calendar item should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 Ext. 43.

PROSTATE, BREAST CANCER SCREENING will occur from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 7 at St. Mary's Hospital Pavilion at 14555 Levan road in Livonia. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-494-1650.

HOMELESS PLAY A production concerning the homeless Ms. Flossy and Friends will be presented from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Clarion Inn in Romulus. Written by Nikki Nealy and directed by L.A. Shelby the play was produced to increase awareness and clear up various myths about the homeless in our society. Tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling 313-563-6616.

LAMB CHOP TO VISIT and help with a sing-a-long at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn this Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Also participants from the "Puzzle Place" PBS TV series will help take part in a celebration for Leon's surprise birthday party. The free programs are part of the seven week Winter Family Fun Central activities in the shopping center's Fountain Court area.

VETS HELPING VETS Veterans' Haven Inc. at 450 S. Venoy road in Westland has been given a new grant award to help honorably discharged U.S. veterans, who are disabled, laid off, unemployed or seeking work. Being offered are food, clothing, counseling and job referrals. For more information call 313-728-0527.

HEALTH BUILDING OPENS The St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the Canton Chamber of Commerce will conduct

a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. March 3 at 1600 S. Canton Center road (at Summit Parkway) in Canton.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON More than 1,500 persons are expected to gather at 11:30 a.m. April 21 at the Cobo Center-Riverview Ballroom to honor volunteers from the United Way Community Services unit in Detroit. For more information call 313-226-9430.

PLAY OFFERED A memory play entitled *Anne of the Thousand Days* recounting the short-lived and tumultuous courtship and marriage of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn will be offered March 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 at the Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's Ypsilanti campus. Ticket prices are \$7 for Thursday shows, \$12 for Fridays and Saturdays and \$10 for Sunday matinees. For more information call 734-487-1221.

CRAFT SHOW SLATED Need a new birdhouse, a metal lawn sign or a handpainted Ukrainian egg? Well consider shopping from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 7 at the Schoolcraft College craft show -- featuring the work of more than 150 crafters. Refreshments will be available and admission is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for those ages 5 to 12. For more information call 734-462-4417.

TURN HISTORY INTO WRITING Historian and speaker Beverly Jenkins, author of the book *Topaz*, will be discussing integrating history into writing at a 7 p.m. Feb. 23 session at the Fred C. Fischer Library.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING The Wayne County Metro Chapter of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 20 in the auditorium of St. John's Episcopal Church at 1555 S. Wayne road in Westland. Genealogist Ruth McMahon will offer tips on tracing family roots. No reservation is needed.

CIVITAN EASTER EGG HUNT Hundreds of cottontails (also known as marshmallows) will

be sprinkled on the ground in Central City Park of Westland for the 4 p.m. April 10 egg hunt for Westland youth. Three age groups will take part: 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9. Marshmallows can be turned in for small bags of Easter goodies. Program is sponsored by the Westland Civitan, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and Westland Parks and Recreation.

KITE FLY A kite making and flying activity is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. May 2 at Pavilion 2 in Central City Park (Marquette entrance). Youngsters may bring their own kite or purchase a kit for \$2.50 from the Four Seasons Kite Club. The rain date is May 16. The program is sponsored by the kite club and the Westland Parks and Recreation.

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE sponsored by the Metro Wayne Democratic Club

will be conducted by the Metro Wayne Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. April 25 at the Local 735 UAW Hall at 48055 Michigan ave. in Canton. A dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A tribute to Elvis will take place with Sherman Arnold and the Interstate Band offering the music. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. For further information call 721-4710.

PET SHOTS OFFERED Rabies and distemper shots for dogs, cats and ferrets will be offered by the Romulus Animal Shelter from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 28.

Romulus Animal Control Officer Kim Mathews revealed the shots will be offered for rates between \$5 to \$15. For those requesting an identification microchip for their pet the cost is \$30. Dog licenses can also be picked up at the same time. The inoculation site will be the old Romulus Department of Public Works building at the corner of Shook and Bibbins streets.

CIRCLE OF LOVE a support group for adults, who have lost children, is offering a 10-week group setting starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 in the new Arbor Hospice Residence at 2366 Oak Valley drive in Ann Arbor. It is located just off I-94 (exit 175) across the street from the Ice Cube. For further information call 1-800-763-5764.

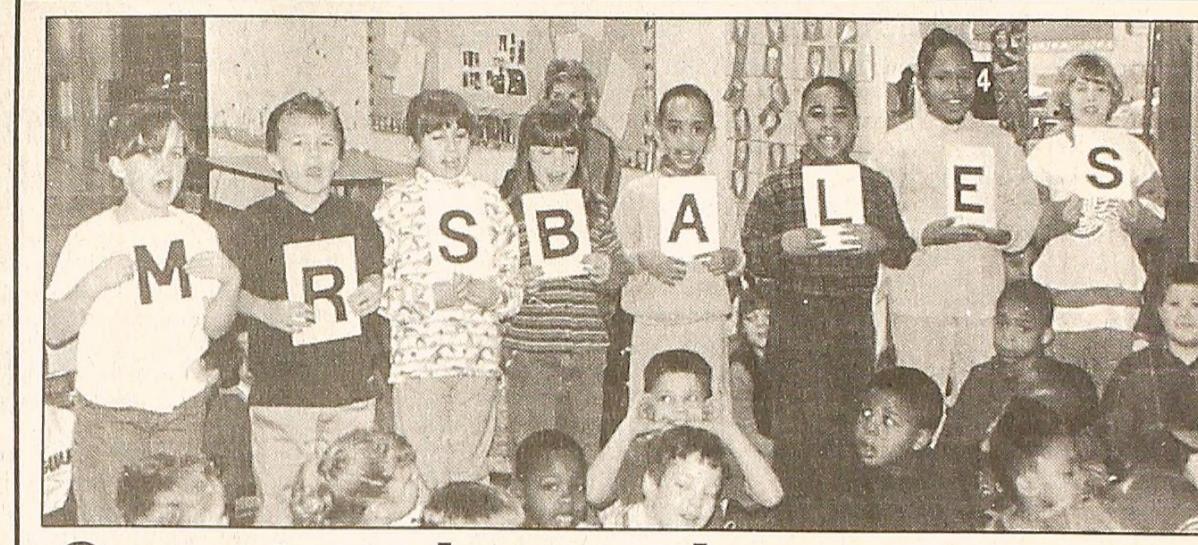
SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at Odd Fellows Hall at Glenwood and Venoy in Wayne. The distribution conducted by the Metro Wayne Democratic Club will include apple sauce, spaghetti, pinto beans, tomato soup, refried beans, etc. Please bring your own bags and boxes. For further information call Cliff Johnson at 729-8681.

WEIGHT WATCHERS GROUP is currently holding meetings in the Community Room of Romulus City Hall from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday's. The public is invited to join. Call 942-7540 for more information.

INKSTER HEAD START is seeking three to four year olds of all ability levels, as well as those with physical limitations for half day programs. For further information call Michelle Reed at 565-1960. School is located at 3414 Ash st.

WALK FOR WARMTH The second annual Walk for Warmth will take place Feb. 28 at the Southland Mall in Taylor. The event is sponsored by the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Services Agency and 19 other community action agencies. The registration fee is \$5 per walker and will include receiving an event T-shirt, witnessing live entertainment and light refreshments. The grand marshall will be Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" who will broadcast his show from the mall following the walk. For more information call 313-843-2550.

FOOD SURPLUS PROGRAM will take place in the Dorsey Community Center on Feb. 19th and 20th between the



Secretary honored

Second grade students from Romulus' Wick Elementary School spell out the name of Mrs. (Carole) Bales -- who served as school secretary for 18 years -- prior to accepting a job in the district's personnel office last year. Bales was honored last week at a surprise party in the school on Wick road. MCN Special Photo

hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Westland residents should call the Dorsey Center hotline at 595-0366 on the proper date and time for their pickups.

MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET will take place at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 22. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$1 for children. Those under 6 years of age are admitted free. For more information call 248-737-4477.

OUTDOORAMA '98 will be held from Feb. 20-March 1 at the Novi Expo Center of Novi. The sessions are sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and are dedicated to furthering the cause of conservation and protecting Michigan's natural resources. Over 400 exhibits will feature the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment, as well as recreational vehicles and power boats. Adult tickets cost \$6 and children under 12 are charged \$3. For more information call 517-346-6493.

FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER of the Taft Chapter of the Sigma Nu Phi (Legal) Fraternity of the Detroit College of Law will be held on Feb. 27 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. Michigan Supreme Court Judge Marilyn J. Kelly will be the main speaker. Cost is \$40 per person. For reservations call Neil J. Lehto at 810-726-1000.

'LOST IN YONKERS' TRIP

The Westland Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) Travel Group will travel to the Meadowbrook Theatre for a performance of *Lost in Yonkers*. Van will leave Friendship Center at 11 a.m. April 29 for lunch and the play. For further information call 722-7632.

FASHION SHOW The Catholic Central Mothers' Club will present a "My Fair Lady" luncheon and fashion show at the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Dearborn on March 29. A social hour will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Fashions will be offered by the Fairlane Town Center. The fundraising event will cost \$37 per person. For reservations or more information call Kathy Snyder at 937-0592.

TALENT AUDITIONS The Inkster Summerfest Committee is planning auditions for its summer activity days July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Auditions are slated for noon Feb. 21, 6 p.m. March 12, 4 p.m. March 21 and 3 p.m. April 11 at the Inkster Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt road. For more information call Ruth Williams at 734-728-7530.

Romulus now planning 2nd Pumpkin Festival

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is back to work on the second annual, "Pumpkin Festival". Last year's street festival was a great success and exceeded our expectations, but this year will be even better," co-chair person Maria Lambert said.

The festival will take place on Goddard Road in the heart of downtown Romulus on Saturday, Sept. 19th and Sept. 20th. "Goddard Road" Downtown will be closed to accommodate our Pumpkin Festival. We have a renovated road and street lights this year," Watts added.

"Lot's of entertainment,

CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184.

You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

Event: _____

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Representing Wayne County at the Michigan Farm Bureau's 78th annual meeting were Gerald Zywicki (standing, left), Jerry Tuinier, George Carpenter, Peggy Zywicki (seated, left) Colette McClinton, and Kathleen Carpenter. MCN Special Photo

Local farmers serve as bureau delegates

Wayne County Farm Bureau members joined 1,000 other Michigan farmers in Traverse City recently for the 78th Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting. Representing Wayne County were Peggy and Gerald Zywicki of Belleville, Kathleen and George Carpenter of Romulus, Colette McClinton of Van Buren Township, and Jerry Tuinier of Rockwood.

Delegates representing each county Farm Bureau groups. The policies approved by the delegates will guide the activities of the organization through the next year. The policies addressed issues such as wildlife crop damage, tuberculosis in white-tailed deer, local control of roads and land-

use planning.

Young farmers took center stage as 38 people competed for the title of state Discussion Meet winner and 12 others competed for the Young Farmer Achievement, Outstanding Young Agriculture Leader and Outstanding Young Farm Employee awards.

More than 125 farmers acted as teachers for the day. They were in Traverse City second- and third grade classrooms, teaching 1,400 children about agriculture.

Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization, with 161,366 member families.

Payback time

Skene may sue Westland for slander

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BY W. EDWARD WEN-DOVER

Being innocent, while being painted guilty with a politically-motivated brush, is tough to take.

Chuck Skene, knowing that his father flew in from Florida the night before and now sitting in the courtroom behind him, tries to hold his composure while the final summations of embezzlement charges go to the jury.

Skene, his father, and other family and friends know that he's innocent. This is the man who was named the "Westland Citizen of the year" just before he was fired and falsely accused. Ten months later, he was sitting through two weeks of trial - his personal and professional life hanging in the balance.

As Skene's defense attorney, Steve Boak said, "It's a lot harder to go through it when you're innocent, than when you're guilty."

Boak understood how his client felt to face the City of Westland's five ersatz felony charges. But he had no choice but to guide Skene through the legal system's maze.

Then, this past Thursday morning, the jury came in after two-and-a-half hours...

"Not guilty" on all counts.

It was hard to hide his father crying in the courtroom - Charlie Skene had come up from Florida for the final days in court. Even when a search warrant was served by surprise at the Skene parents' house in Northville, they'd stuck by.

Did Charlie Skene now see the 10-month long ordeal for his son end Thursday morning?

It officially ended with the jury's "not guilty" verdict on four counts. (A fifth count was thrown out by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy

Kenny on a directed verdict.) But, for a man falsely accused, when does it really end?

Does it end when the jury members waited outside the courtroom to shake Skene's hand and wish him well?

Or does it end a half-hour later when Skene's friends phone-fanned-out to their "network"?

Does it end when the newspapers run the stories about the "not guilty" verdicts? Will it end once Skene's daughters hug him and tell him they knew their father was innocent all along?

Does it end with a victorious civil suit against the individuals who, in Skene's eyes, were out to get him?

Or, does it ever completely end?

Skene admits that he was warned about the City of Westland's political system when he left the City of Plymouth's P&R position four years ago.

"With a city manager form of government, you tend to have a more professional city management and department heads - not your cronies or allies," Skene said.

And, Skene admits, he knew the Westland P&R job was called a "graveyard." No one had ever moved to other, larger community P&R jobs after serving in Westland. In fact, one former Westland P&R director was fired and then ran, and won - for mayor... Charles Pickering.)

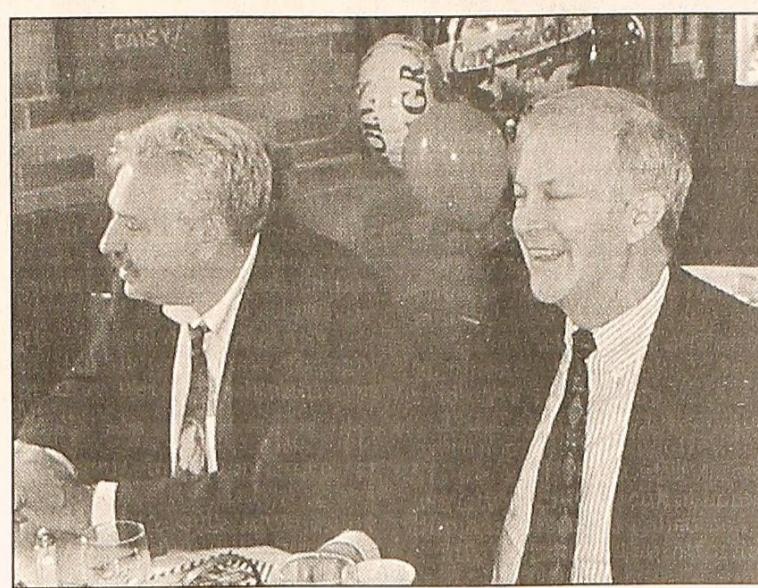
But, as City of Plymouth P&R director for 19 years, Skene knew recreation and faced heat there on the City of Plymouth residency requirements. He needed to land somewhere else.

Westland - home of his new wife, Judy, and her sons and daughter - seemed a natural.

He took the job.

"I knew what I was walking into was a volatile situation - especially in parks and recreation," Skene said.

Westland Mayor Robert



Chuck Skene (left) and his lead defense attorney, Steve Boak, celebrate with lunch at the Plymouth Landing last Thursday following Skene's acquittal. The restaurant, owned in part by Westland City Attorney Angelo Plakas, is also a favorite spot for Westland Mayor Robert Thomas to hold gatherings. Thomas did not attend Skene's celebration.

Thomas first fired Skene in June, 1995, but City Council member Sharon Scott backed Thomas down. He was rehired.

Then he was fired on April 22. Skene said that three days later the Westland Deputy Mayor George Gillies called Barb Polich of the Westland Civitans to ask them not to give the "Citizen of the year" award to Skene.

"Less than a week before it happened, he was telling them (the Civitans) that I was being charged with embezzlement and that I was guilty," Skene said.

The mayor, who could not be reached for comment, was quoted as saying Skene was not fired because of the embezzlement allegations even though he was fired the day the Westland search warrants were served.

"He can say that all he wants," Boak said. "But I don't think a civil jury will find it a coincidence he was fired seven days before they brought charges."

That's a very strong hint that Skene will be filing a civil lawsuit for being falsely accused, for slander, for back pay and retirement accrual.

Westland residents, taxpayers and employees may feel the bite of Skene's pending lawsuit. Some Westland city employees have already asked whether they'll be cut back; or will Westland taxes be hiked to pay off a Skene lawsuit?

"Maybe they'll take this out of the administrators' salaries," Boak chuckled.

Will the several individuals who worked for Westland be sued as individuals too?

"They should have thought of that before," Skene said Monday.

"Obviously, that's a big topic of discussion over there (at Westland City Hall)," Boak said. "They may have some (personal) immunity on some of the charges, but on others no (immunity)."

A Skene lawsuit against Westland may also seek damages that the embezzlement allegations destroyed his reputation in the P&R profession - even though the jury found him "not guilty." "From a P&R standpoint I still think I've been politically assassinated," Skene said after his acquittal.

"I'd be very surprised if I could ever find a recreation job."

But there are other hurts that Skene suffered too. Even a civil suit might not right those wrongs, he admits.

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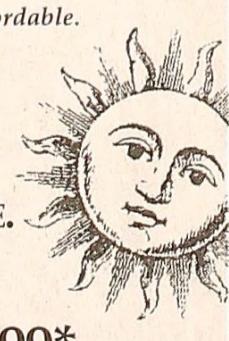
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Seniors on the go

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Mid-winter getaways revitalize

I've never been in favor of placing people in categories, especially in age groups. Once people are grouped in a category, people tend to generalize about their characteristics, and myths spring up about how "all senior citizens do this or all retirees are like that."

All mature adults don't drive 35 miles in the left lane of the freeway (a few do); all older people aren't ill and incapacitated (a few unfortunately are); all senior citizens aren't cranky (a few are), and all retirees don't squeeze their quarters until the eagle squawks (a few do.)

For instance, the myth that older people are not active or energetic was dispelled on my recent 11-day cruise to the Panama Canal and several Caribbean Islands.

The majority of the passengers were feisty fifties, spirited sixties and seventies and eager eighties. The oldest passenger was 92 -- almost 93. They swam in the pool, danced at the lounges, participated in the contests, gambled in the casino, toured the islands and also scuba dived and snorkled

Skene

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Skene came from his former secretary, Nora Herbert. Although she was called by the prosecution, she testified that monies from recreation funds were handled by many Westland employees in both the P&R and finance departments.

Herbert, whose husband, Kent, was recently fired as Westland's personnel director, has repeatedly said she believed her former boss was "targeted" unjustly.

Now, with the jury acquitting Skene, is Nora Herbert in danger of her Westland job?

"I'm really concerned about Nora (Herbert) and Margaret (Martin, the therapeutic recreation supervisor)," Skene said. "I've seen this administration can be very vindictive. These were two people who stood by the truth under 10 months of pressure."

Skene said Martin was threatened with dismissal if she didn't turn over records of the non-profit Therapeutic Recreation Boosters Club. "It's pretty scary stuff that the city thinks they can get away with that," Skene warns his Westland neighbors.

"I think it's time for the citizens of Westland to take a good look at what this administration has caused with division of different parts or sections of the community," he said, citing the current feud between Thomas and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

"It's an 'us' versus 'them' mentality," he added. "It's not everybody working together. You're only right if you're working with us."

Obviously, Thomas felt Skene was no longer on the "us" side.

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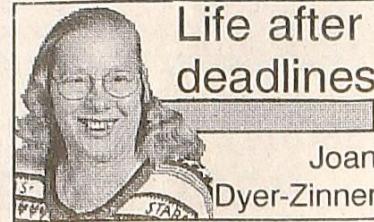
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Amazingly, a 70-year-old member of our party and his spouse, climbed the rocky 600-foot waterfalls at Dunn's River in Jamaica, along with a group of youngsters and young adults. An ankle injury (on the ice in my driveway two days before departure) prevented me from the climb this trip, but my spouse and I climbed the falls three years ago.

Touring the sites at St. Thomas, St. Barts, St. Lucia, Aruba, Jamaica and Puerto Rico were high energy activities with lots of walking on the hilly streets plus climbing stairways at various attractions on the islands. Yet, I didn't see many of the older passengers bypass the activities in favor of a lounge chair on the Lido Deck.

Many of our fellow pas-

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- Retired woman

sengers were Snowbirds from the Northwest, Central States and Northeast. They live in their home states through the summer and early fall and then move to Arizona, Nevada and Florida (most of them) or New Mexico and Texas. Even through their winter havens boast of pleasant temperatures, many Snowbirds fly off to the cruise ships in mid-winter for a tropical vacation. Some reported taking five to seven previous cruises and one couple aboard were on their 11th cruise!

Myth No. 2 is that retirees (senior citizens, mature adults, recyclers or whatever designation you may have) are overly

frugal or to put it plainly, cheap. Not so!

Ask the employees at the ship's gift shops and the shop owners at the duty-free stores at various ports, and they will confirm that many older adults not only have money to spend but they are willing to spend it on jewelry, perfumes, gifts, souvenirs and special tours and activities. They may not buy as many CDs or skateboards as the younger generation, but they spend freely on fine jewelry and liquors plus gift items for their children and grandchildren.

During my recent cruise, where the majority of passengers were over 50, several staff members confided that it was the "best" cruise they had had this season. To the waiters, busboys and beverage servers, the word "best" translates into the biggest tips!

When asked about retirement, one woman remarked, "We can do what we want to do when we want to do it. It's a great life."



Myths about common cold

Most widely expected illness to M.D.'s office from Dec. to Apr. in cold months. Most frequently changed viruses. Clinical symptoms usually can not distinguish the type of viruses.

Detecting viruses is time consuming and costly procedure and usually do not contribute much to patient care. Viruses transmitted by droplets and contaminated towels and hand shakes.

Prevention can be achieved for few of the viruses by getting yourself vaccinated from Sept. to Nov. Small premature babies, seniors, people with chronic heart, lung and neurologic diseases are strongly recommended to get vaccinated every year.

There is no specific treatment. Tylenol-Motrin-Sudafed, decongestant sprays are good. If you don't feel better by 7-10 days, please see your doctor to determine if you have complications requiring further investigations and measures.

Rest and drink plenty of liquid, really helps most of the people.

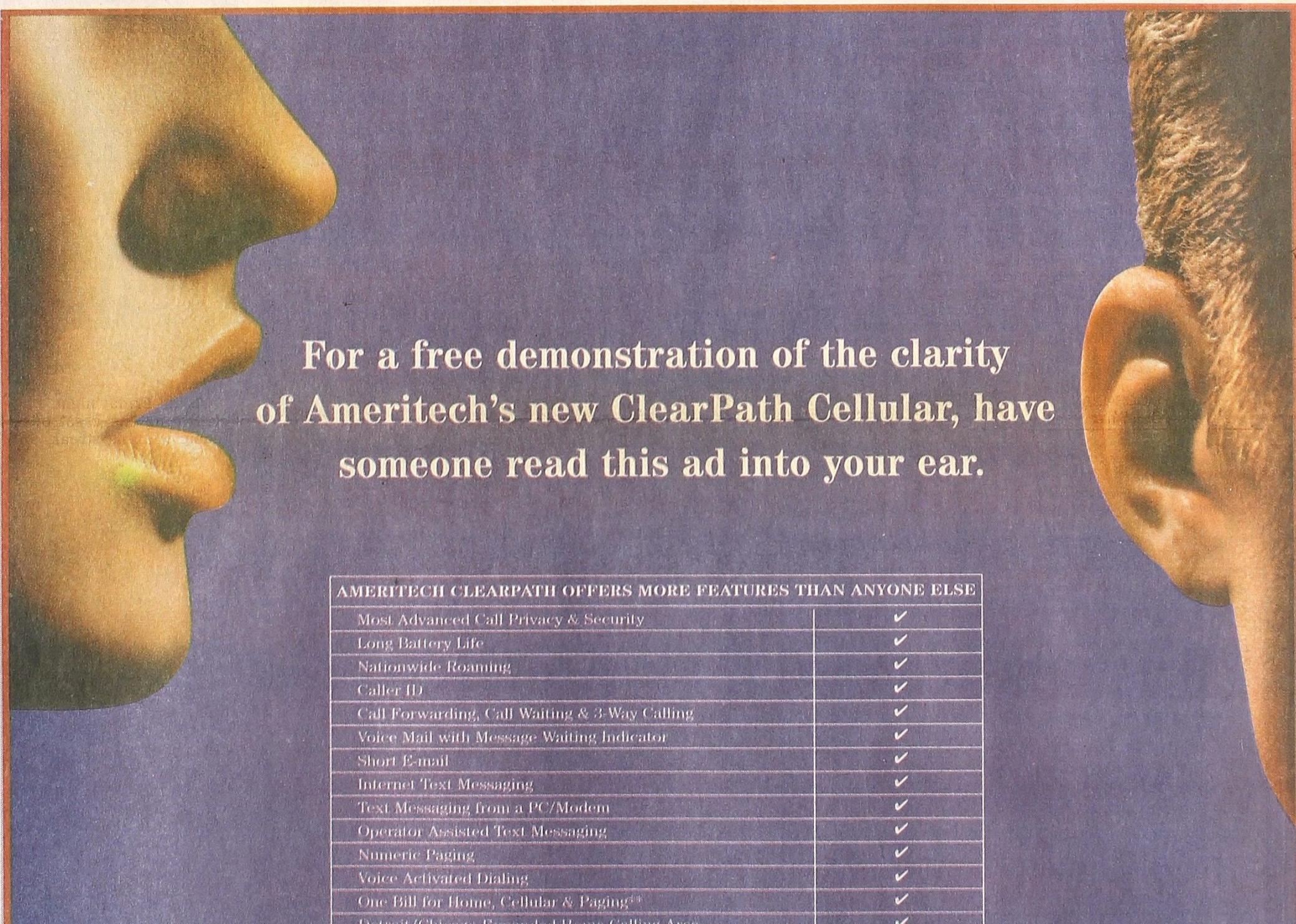
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Wrestlers begin trek for state glory

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

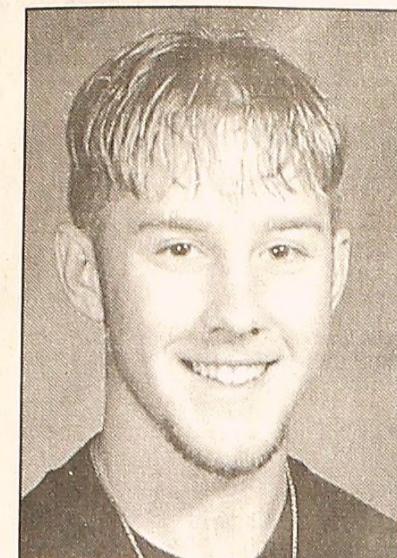
With the conference championships behind them, local and area high school wrestlers will now look to the long and grueling trek to the state finals.

An elite corps will find gold at the end of the trail.

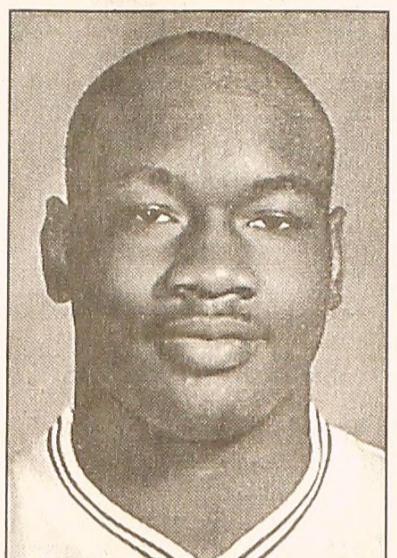
The first step however in the trip to the state begins Thursday night as teams battle to qualify at the district level. Then, on Saturday, the individual divisional championships will be staged at several sites across the state.

"In order to qualify for the regional competition," says Romulus coach Vern Logan, "a wrestler must finish in the top four in his weight class at the divisional competition."

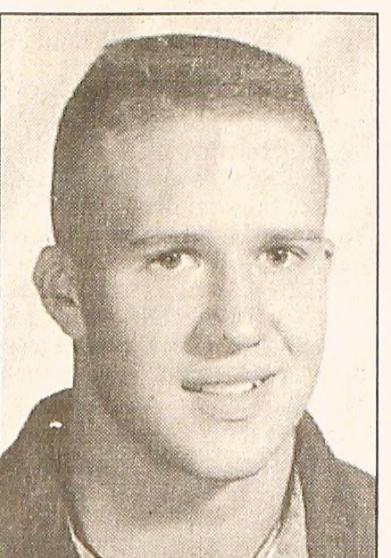
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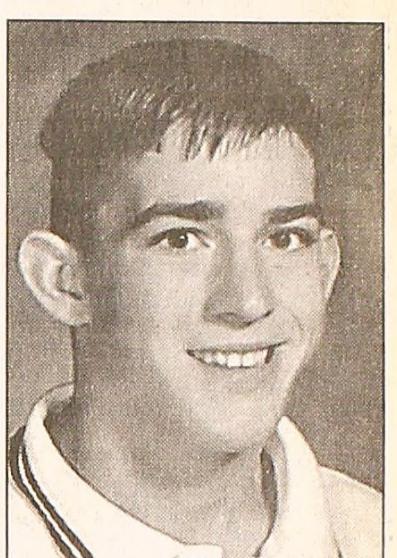
Charles Thompson



Alec Hance



Nathan Thomas



Steve Hatfield

Ann Arbor Pioneer, and several other area high school teams have been assigned to Division I which will be conducted at Adrian High School. The top four wrestlers in

each of the 13 weight classes will advance to the Temperance Bedford Regional Division (District 23) where they will attempt to qualify for the state.

For the first time in its history, Inkster High has been assigned a divisional championship. Inkster coach Sam Ellis and the Vikings will host 23 teams which will begin

wrestling for district honors at 10:30 a.m.

Qualifiers from the Inkster division advance to the regional at Goodrich.

"On Saturday, local and

area fans will have an opportunity to see some of the best high school wrestlers in the state," Ellis said.

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Glenn upset backs Salem in 'must-win' situation

DeYampert, Hicks lead Eagles past Inkster

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If the rest of the games go the way it did Friday night for coach Guy DelGiudice, you probably wouldn't hear a sound from the Romulus coach.

Romulus rattled Inkster 76-59 to hold to its share of the Mega Conference Red Division lead. The Eagles' 8-1 conference record matches that of River Rouge's, which is hanging on to the other half of the lead.

The two co-leaders split this season, with Romulus beating the top-ranked state power on the Rouge floor in mid-December, while the Panthers came back in February to avenge their only loss on Romulus' hardwood.

The two will not meet again unless each wins district titles, which could possibly set up a regional confrontation.

But that's not until the second week of March.

In the meantime, Romulus has other engagements, and a rough road to follow. The Eagles have four conference games left on their schedule, including a rematch with Wayne (March 5) on the Wayne home floor.

DelGiudice says he isn't looking ahead. He says there are teams like Ypsilanti, Belleville and Willow Run still in their path, and they have to be addressed first.

With seniors Brandon DeYampert and Melvin Hicks scoring in double digits, the Eagles soared to a 20-9 lead over Inkster in the first period, and they never looked back.

At one point in this one, Romulus led by as much as 25-points over the Vikings, who struggled throughout to maintain their poise.

DeYampert sat out most of the second half after he tossed in 16 of his game-high 20 points in the first two periods. Teammate Hicks added 16 points and Robert Collins also reached double figures. He had 10 for the Eagles who may have to improve at the foul line where they canned only 10 of 21 shots.

For Inkster, Greg Watson was top scorer. He sank 17 points.

Tuesday night, Romulus took their show to Southgate Aquinas. They will stay on the road Friday night when they will travel to Ypsilanti for a Red Division rematch.



Westland John Glenn coach Mike Schuette (photo above) fires up his Rockets during a "time out" against visiting Plymouth-Salem. Schuette and Glenn had the right stuff as the Rockets turned in their best overall performance of the season to crush the previously undefeated Western Lakes Conference leaders Friday night before a standing-room-only crowd. In the photo at right, Salem's Tony Jancevski (51) successfully challenges Glenn's Yaku Moton (43) for this layup. Moton contributed six points and nine rebounds in the Rockets' 56-50 victory. Salem and coach Bob Brodie need only one victory and they have two games to get it to lock up at least a share of the conference championship. Photos by Aaron Ortiz

Wayne's Williams, Calloway shoot down Flyers, 63-52

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

They may not be on top of the Mega Conference Red Division standings where they usually are about this time of the high school basketball year, but defending champ Wayne Memorial played like a champ Friday night against Willow Run.

Brian Williams and Karl Calloway came out shooting in the first quarter and together knocked down 16 of Wayne's 21 points first-period points to lead the defending champs to a solid 63-52 victory over the newcomer in the conference.

Up by 14 (21-7) at the end of

the opening frame, Wayne did not have any problems with the Flyers who managed to close within seven points (31-24) early in the fourth quarter.

But that's the closest the visitors got.

"We started strong," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry, "and that gave me an opportunity to use my bench liberally."

Williams scored seven of his game-high 19 points, and the junior captain also came up with four assists and four steals. Calloway, a senior who provides a lot of muscle on the boards, tallied nine of his 18 points in that decisive first pe-

riod.

Wayne also placed a third player in double figures. Jamar Davis, a junior guard, sank 12 points and also chipped in with three assists and four steals that led to easy break-away layup baskets.

One of the key proponents in the easy Wayne victory was the overall performance by 6-7 senior center Quentin Turner, who swept the boards for 17 rebounds and, while doing so, also scored nine points.

Willow Run got 13 points from Shawn Pratt. The Flyers also cashed in on 11 of 20 from the free throw line as com-

See **WAYNE**, page B-2

Schedule favors Rocks who play Spartans next

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Salem apparently brings the best out of Westland John Glenn's basketball team.

It did Friday night.

Riding the crest of a 12-game winning streak, and in sole possession of first-place in the Western Lakes Conference, Salem fell flat at Glenn and dropped a 56-50 decision to the underdog Rockets.

A Salem victory over Glenn would have given coach Bob Brodie and the Rocks a lock on at least half of the conference title. Now, they are forced into a situation where they must win at least one of their two remaining games to clinch half.

And the schedule favors Salem in the stretch. The league-leaders have Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson to contend with and, though Churchill could be troublesome, Stevenson shouldn't. The Spartans have not won a conference game this year.

"It was a tough one for us to lose," Brodie commented after the loss to Glenn. "But when you score only one basket in the final four minutes of a game, any game, you're going to have problems."

"You definitely can't do that against a team like Glenn. Give them credit, they played an excellent game against us."

Glenn coach Mike Schuette said that his team's played its best overall game against Salem.

"Our kids wanted to win this one. They got the job done," said Schuette. The veteran coach said he had some concerns on how his team would play because of Tuesday night's loss at Dearborn.

"We definitely didn't play well over there," Schuette noted.

The Pioneers buried Glenn, 87-69, in a out-of-conference match up at Dearborn as the Westlanders wasted a 20-point scoring effort by Eric Jones.

But Glenn was ready Friday night. They had a full-house on hand and the Rockets delivered.

Glenn rallied from a 28-25 halftime deficit to go up by one, 43-42, for three before outscoring their visitors 13-8 in the final eight minutes.

Jason Crofton's baseline three-point rally led the Rockets and struck a resounding blow in the Rocks' bid for their 13th consecutive win.

Crofton's three-pointer was followed up by Ty Haygood's two big baskets that the Rocks to a five-point lead.

The struggling Rocks failed

to respond. They hit that arctic streak Brodie referred to earlier and for four minutes, which proved fatal to the league-leaders. The drought was broken briefly by Andy Power's three-pointer, but that was it.

Glenn half-court trap pulled it off.

The Westlanders outscored their visitors 13-8 in the final eight minutes.

Salem's Andy Power and Jeff McKian split 24 of the Rocks' points, while Stephen Lawson scored 17 for the winners. Jones added 13 and, in the duel for the control of the boards, Glenn center Yaku Moton managed to grab nine rebounds and contribute six points for the Rockets who also nailed four of eight free throws as compared to Salem's six of eight at the free throw line.

Salem's Aaron Rypkowski collected eight rebounds and three points.

Brodie also pointed out that his team shot a horrible 30 percent from the field. The Rockets made 16 of 54 attempts.

If there were any signs Salem was due for a setback, they did not surface Tuesday night when Salem took on natural rival, Canton, and beat back the Chiefs 61-42 as Power scored a game high 19 points and McKian added 14. Canton's junior guard Joe Correllini led the Chiefs with 19 points.

Salem could have wrapped up a share of the title Tuesday night with a victory at Livonia Churchill.

If the Rocks faltered, they would have to do it Friday at home against Stevenson, a team that is struggling through its worst season-ever in recent memory. The Spartans entered the week on a 15-game losing streak.

Glenn played Walled Lake Western on Tuesday and will be home tonight to host Walled Lake Central.

The Western Lakes Conference playoffs will begin a week from Friday.

Belleville rips Parkers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Kevin Harrison came off the bench and pumped in a game-high 20 points to Belleville to an impressive 79-54 victory over Highland Park in a Mega Conference Red Division basketball game.

The sophomore Belleville guard tossed up three treys in his assault against the Parker defense which collapsed in the second half against their conference opponents.

Close the first two periods, Belleville grabbed a 30-24 lead at halftime, and the Tigers came back and outscored their opponents 49-30 in the second half.

"I felt that this one was of our better overall games," said Belleville sophomore coach Rod Fisher, whose club is struggling with a 2-6 conference and a 5-10 overall record.

"We played an excellent second half."
- Rod Fisher

"We played an excellent second half."

Belleville placed two other players in double figures. Guards John Edwards and C.J. Grantham each scored 10 points.

Earlier in the week, Belleville edged a hoop-tough Class B state title-contender, Saginaw Buena Vista, 59-54. With the cousin combination of Kevin and John Edwards accounting for more than half of the Tigers' points, Belleville protected a five-point lead in the stretch for the non-conference victory.

Kevin scored a team high 14 points, while John chipped in 13 points.

Saginaw had the game's top scorer in Montell Green, who scored 18 points for the 11-3 Buena Vista team.

Belleville squared off with Detroit Catholic Central and the University of Michigan-bound 6-10 Chris Young Tuesday night on the Tiger hardwood, and Fisher said his team would have to double and maybe triple team Young in hopes of stopping him.

In a rare Thursday night game, Belleville is back in action in the Mega Conference. The Tigers travel to Willow Run to take on the Flyers, who apparently have had engine problems of late.

Willow Run lost a 63-52 decision to Wayne Memorial last Friday and the Flyers began the week with a 2-6 conference record.

Wayne seeking softball teams

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With Spring in the air, can softball be far behind?

Officials at the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department are getting ready for that day when the cries of "Play Ball" will be heard across the diamonds of the state, and they are sending out their first request for men and women's softball teams that want to play in the recreation summer leagues.

Team managers may sign up

"There is a \$395 registration fee."

their teams between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

The softball divisions, and evenings teams will play, are listed as follows: A Women's League, which takes to the field Monday evenings; Men's

Leagues, Tuesday evening, Class C/D; and a Thursday evening C/D League. There will also be a Friday evening league for teams for Class D and Class E.

The recreation department is also seeking teams for a Men's Over 40 League. The league will play Wednesday and Friday evenings.

There is a \$395 registration fee.

Teams will play between 14 and 15 games, beginning May 4. There also will be All-Star Games. Awards will be presented to league and playoff champions.

Team managers who need further information are urged to contact Keith Alexander, at the Wayne Community Center, by dialing (734) 721-7400.

Wayne

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pared to Wayne's dismal 18 of 31 charity effort.

Wayne began the week with a 4-5 conference and an 8-7 overall record. They should be able to build upon that Friday night when they take on a lackluster Inkster which couldn't match up with conference co-leader, Romulus.

Romulus (See related story on this page) routed the Vikings 76-59 to keep their share of the lead.

On Tuesday, Wayne crushed Garden City 81-33 in a crossover game as Williams again led all scorers with 19 points.



Soccer standouts sign

Belleville athletes Tate Travis and Kevin Pych sign their national letters of intent to play collegiate soccer next season. Participating in the traditional ceremony are members of the two outstanding athletes' families and friends. Tate will play in Division I for the University of California-Santa Barbara, while Kevin will goal-tend for Division 2's St. Andrews College in North Carolina. Both players were instrumental in Gabriel Richard's tournament run for the state title. The downriver team finished second at state. Kevin earned All-Catholic and All-State recognition, while Tate was a repeat selection to the coveted All-State Team. MCN Special Sports Photo

Glory

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Tickets are \$4 for the all-day affair.

In the team pairings, Inkster will clash with Melvindale in the first round and Highland Park meets Dearborn Heights Annapolis. Melvindale is an overwhelming favorite to win the district. The Cardinals have been ranked in the top five in the state polls throughout most of the season.

The two winners will decide the district championship at 7 p.m.

In the meantime, Romulus will travel to Temperance today for the four-team district tournament that the Mules are hosting. Logan's Eagles have the dubious honor of taking on the hosts, Temperance, also considered one of the top candidates to win the state title in their division this year.

In the other bracket, Belleville will clash with Monroe.

The two winners will decide the district title around 7:30 p.m.

Conference championships were decided over the weekend.

Southfield Anderson retained its Mega Conference, Red Division title, turning back a serious challenge from

Trenton.

The defending champs successfully defended their crown by garnering 163.5 points. Trenton finished a close second with 148 points, followed by Wyandotte (136.5), Belleville (119), Romulus (109), Monroe (91), Carlson (45.5) and Lincoln Park (41.5).

Romulus produced one conference champ in 119-pounder Billy Chapman.

Chapman, who will take a 23-8 record to the district, earned a conference gold with an impressive 6-3 victory over Dave Howard of Southgate.

"For Billy, it was a dream come true," Logan said. "He wanted to win this one for his mother - and he did it."

The Eagles also had four members of their team finish with silver medals.

The runners-up included Micah Wade (112), Alec Hance (145), Charles Thompson (189), and Nathan Thomas (160). Romulus had two bronze medalists: Steve Hatfield (135) and Jeremiah Jones (152).

Wade lost his bid for the gold when he was pinned by Monroe's Tom Nowitzke, while Hance wound up a loser against Trenton's Cooley, who pinned his rival for the gold.

Hance has an enviable 23-5 overall record.

Thompson ran up against Dave Cox, an undefeated 189-pounder and managed to stay with his opponent to the end before losing a 9-6 decision. Southgate's Zimmerman took the gold away from Thomas in a close match, 3-1.

Belleville also had a gold medalist. Morgan Mullins proved he is the best 140-pounder in the Red Division this year.

The Tigers also had a runnerup in Matt Johnson (152), while Demetrius King (130), Mark Eshenbarger (171) and heavyweight Dave Sanders earned bronze medals in their weight classes.

Over in the Blue Division, Inkster finished in the middle of the pack. Redford Thurston surprised division favorites Annapolis and emerged with 184 points to win the division meet. However, since Annapolis was undefeated and Woodhaven had only one loss, Thurston, with two dual meet losses, was forced to share the divisional crown three way.

At the league, Woodhaven was second-best as the runners up piled up 173 points, followed closely by Annapolis (171.5), River Rouge (87.5), Inkster (68), Crestwood (41), Redford Union (38), Willow Run (23), and Highland Park (0).

Inkster did have a conference champ in 119-pounder Robert Hudson who pinned Annapolis' Daniel Wales in 2:45 of the finals to pick up his gold.

The Vikings had runners up in Keith Jackson (152) and Ashanti Walton (160).

Injury-plagued Plymouth-Canton had its problems in the Western Lakes Conference this year, but coach Ernie Krumm's young team could be a factor in the years to come.

"We've been plagued with injuries enough this year that we really set individual goals for our Western Lakes Conference. We wanted each wrestler just to wrestle for themselves, for seeding purposes for the upcoming districts, and in the case of our freshmen, for the experience alone."

At the conference meet, 171-pounder John Peter Demick earned a bronze medal. He won four of his five matches. Four of those were by pins. Other standouts included Jon Pocock (130), Brian Musser (140), and Jared Chapman (215). Pocock, Musser and Chapman won two of their four matches.

Teamwise, Canton finished ninth among a field of 12 teams. The Chiefs amassed 75 points.

Semi-pro grid team seeks local talent

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If you have the ability to play semi-professional football, the Twisters would like to talk to you.

With a lineup of former local and area grid stars, the Wayne County Twisters won their divisional title in the Lake Shore Football League year ago.

The Twisters' goal this year is to go all the way to the nationals this season.

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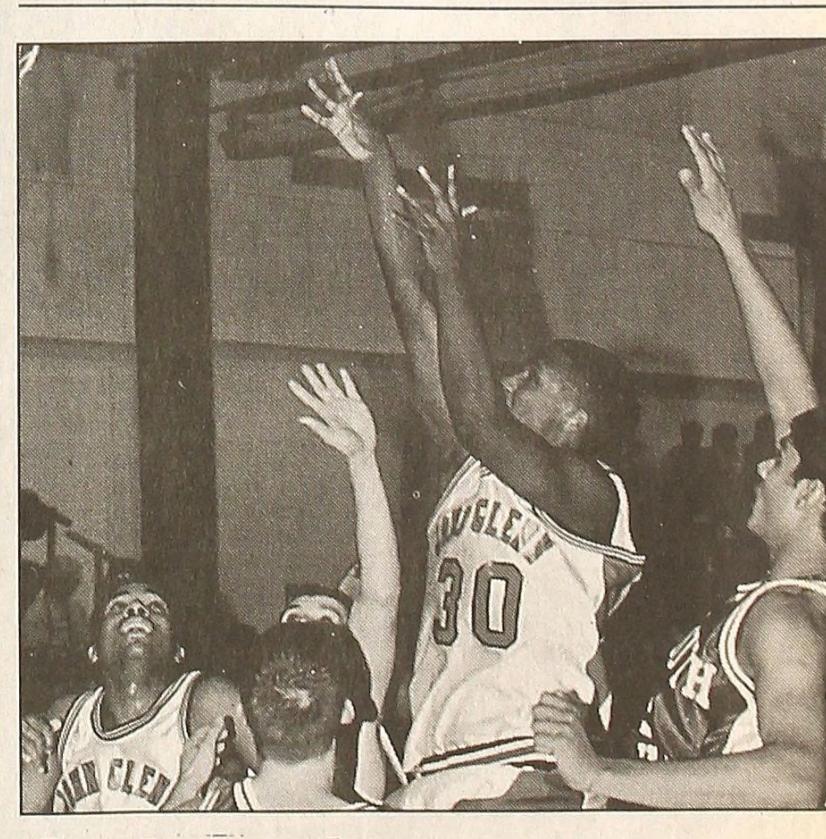
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On target

Glenn's Eric Jones (30) slashes through Salem's defense for two of his 13 points against the league-leaders. Glenn will try to keep its newly-discovered momentum going tonight (Thursday) when they host Walled Lake Central, while Salem may not have any problems recovering from its only conference loss at the expense of winless Livonia Stevenson tomorrow night on the home floor. MCN photo by Aaron Ortiz

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Part time position available for an assistant with our activities program. If you like to work with the elderly, are energetic, have good communication skills, and are available days, some evenings and weekends, call, fax or send your resume to: Stacy Kudlak, The Gilbert Residence, 203 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. 482-9498, Fax 482-1848.

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Group home openings for midnights and afternoons. Valid drivers license, paid training, competitive wage and benefits. Call 762-0338 or 454-3764.

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ALEXANDER, JOHN P.
Age 72, of Plymouth, passed away Feb. 6, 1998. Loving husband of Elizabeth. Dear father of Paula, Julie (Robert), John, David (Maureen). Also survived by 1 brother and 5 sisters. Services were held Feb. 9 from the Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

BAZZELL, JOHN B.
Of Wayne, passed away at the age of 44. Beloved son of Lillian and the late Lee. Loving brother of Donald and Peggy Sue. Dear uncle of 5 and great uncle of 9. Memorial service was held Feb. 11 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on Mich. Ave in Wayne. Memorials to the American Heart Association appreciated.

CYMES, JOSEPH A.
Age 83, of Belleville, passed away Feb. 13, 1998. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Dear father of Richard (Sharon), John, Robert (Onda), and daughter-in-law Mary. Also survived by 1 sister, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Services were held at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Arrangements by the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. Cremation rites have been accorded.

DIEHL, ESTHER L.
Age 71, of Inkster, passed away Feb. 11, 1998. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of Beverly (Bruce), Betty (Paul), John (Lynn) and Lisa (Dennis). Also survived by 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 14 at the Santeu Chapel. Arrangements by the John N. Santeu & Son, Inc. Funeral Di-

HINES, MABEL F.
Age 92, of Westland, passed away Feb. 12, 1998. Dear mother of Harriet (Norman) and Mary Ellen (James). Also survived by 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A private service and burial were held by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

KASIC, RUDOLPH
Age 81, of Plymouth,

1979 FAIRMONT Ford, light blue, 6 cylinder, runs well, several new parts. Good transportation, body rusted. \$400 or best offer. 313-563-8233, ask for Dan or Bea.

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1983 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, V8 automatic, high miles, needs battery. \$400 or best offer. 728-4706.

1985 FORD TEMPO, four door, 5 speed, needs some work. \$500. 734-326-4093 after 4pm.

1985 OLDS DELTA 88, new heater core/water pump/alternator. Runs great, \$700 or best offer. Jeff, 937-2654.

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1988 FIREBIRD, grey w/ grey interior, PS, PB, PW. Runs & looks great. \$2,000 or best offer. 313-722-9723.

1988 OLDSMOBILE Cutlass Ciera, 4 door, 4 cylinder automatic, loaded, excellent condition, no rust. \$2,900. 697-0539 evenings.

1989 MUSTANG LX, 5.0 engine, 5 speed, 80K miles, sunroof, loaded, alarms, new clutch, exhaust & tires. Excellent. \$4,800. 326-000 or 955-5264.

1990 MERCURY Grand Marquis. Drive in luxury silver.

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1997 MERCURY Villager LS, dark blue/tan, all electronic dash & seats, CD/cassette, 39,000 miles, spotless. \$13,500. 397-0962 Canton.

1997 PONTIAC Trans-Sport, 3800, V6 eng., auto, overdrive, power side door, loaded, 63,000 miles, like new. Westland. 734-721-3763.

1997 CHEVY Silverado P/U, ext. cab, 5.0 litre, auto, tilt, cruise, ready wipers. AM/FM cass., alarm, power locks/windows, 20,000 miles, G.M. warranty. \$17,200. 313-722-5833.

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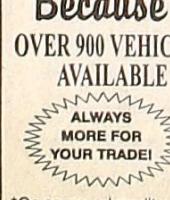
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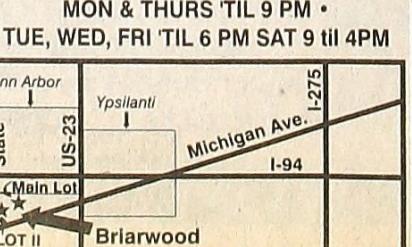


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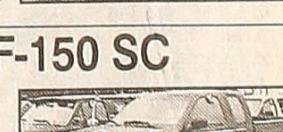
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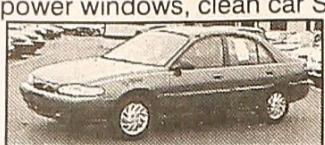
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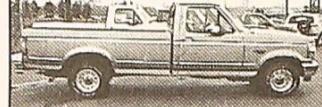
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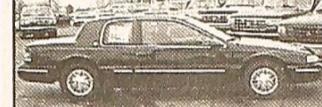
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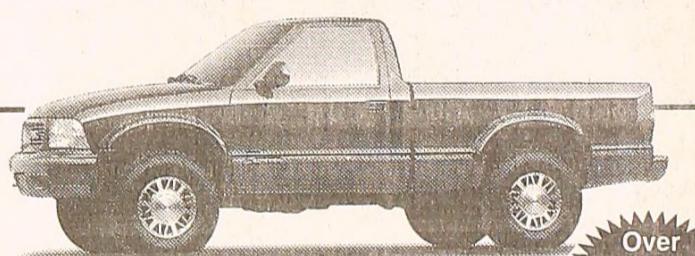
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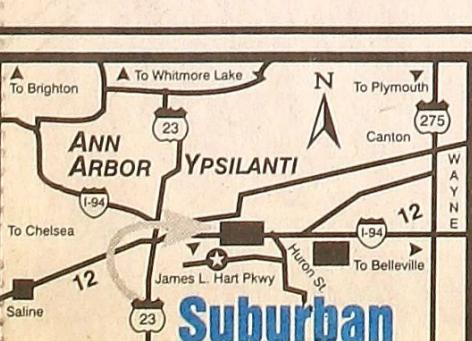
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